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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION VANCOUVER FROM SECSTATE NOV 30

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SUBJECT : POINT ROBERTS HEARINGS

1. IJC HAS INVITED EXPERT TESTIMONY FROM VARIOUS U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND LABOR TO HEARINGS TO BE HELD DECEMBER 3-7 AT BELLINGHAM, POINT ROBERTS, VANCOUVER, VICTORIA AND SEATTLE. IT HAS ALSO COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT CANADIAN MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT JACK DAVIS INTENDS TO MAKE A STATEMENT AT HEARINGS ON DECEMBER 5 IN VANCOUVER.

2. WE HAVE STRESSED TO BULLARD, SECRETARY OF IJC, THAT U.S. TESTIMONY SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS OFFICIAL U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT VIEW. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT GIVEN FACT THAT DAVIS TESTIMONY WILL INEVITABLY BE REGARDED AS CANADIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT VIEW. IN OUR VIEW RECORD OF HEARINGS SHOULD CLEARLY SHOW THAT ANY WIT-

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NESS WHO IS U.S- GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE IS TESTIFYING IN

PERSONAL CAPACITY AS EXPERT WITNESS AND NOT AS OFFICIAL
SPOKESMAN.

3. SHOULD MEDIA ASK FOR COMMENTS ABOUT DAVIS STATEMENT,
RESPONSE SHOULD BE THAT WE HAVE NONE. KISSINGER
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